

Required Set-aside Is Dropped From '73 Wheat Program

In a move to assure an adequate supply of agricultural commodities to meet a growing market demand, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the elimination of the 86 percent mandatory set-aside requirement under the 1973 wheat program, except for those producers who elect to participate in the voluntary set-aside. In order to participate in

the voluntary set-aside program, these producers will be required to comply with the mandatory set-aside as well as the voluntary program

Also, the Department announced that livestock grazing will be permitted on acreage set aside under the provisions of the 1973 feed grain and wheat programs

These actions clearly demonstrate the flexibility of the set-aside programs, USDA officials said, in that it enables adjustment to rapid changes in market demand.

When the 1973 wheat program was announced in July, 1972, the amount of set-aside land required for program participation was an acreage equal to 86 percent of a farm's domestic allotment.

Since announcement of the program, demand for wheat worldwide has developed following crop failures or reductions in grain harvest throughout much of Asia and in other portions of the world. Demand for other grain crops and for oilseed crops also has increased heavily.

The national wheat allotment for 1973 is 18.7 million acres. Elimination of the required wheat set-aside acreage will free nearly 15 million acres for production of crops, including wheat for forage. It is expected to add to market income earned by

farmers.

No other 1973 wheat program provisions were changed except for elimination of the required set-aside percentage, USDA reported, and program payments will not be affected in any way by the reduction in set-aside acreage.

The decision to permit grazing on set-aside acreage was made in order to prevent or alleviate a shortage in the supply of livestock feed, the Department explained. The grazing privilege will assist livestock producers in meeting increasing consumer demand for meat products by making additional forage

available to supplement feed supplies for the production of livestock, the Department added. Previously, grazing of set-aside acreage was not permitted during any of the five principal months of the normal growing season.

The Department stated that there will be a reduction in payment for the privilege of grazing the set-aside acres. The county set-aside payment rate reduction for those producers electing to graze set-aside acreage will be available at all applicable county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service offices.

DER Creates New Office

The Department of Environmental Resources has established a new regional office to serve residents of the Commonwealth in the southcentral portion of the State

The new office will serve Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin, York, Adams, Franklin, Cumberland and Perry counties and will operate from Room 1002 of the Health and Welfare Building in Harrisburg

Approximately 1.2 million people live in the area covered by this regional office

Personnel working in such environmental programs as air pollution, noise abatement, occupational health, solid waste management, sewage disposal and water supply development, restaurant sanitation, mobile home park regulation and

recreational area sanitation will be stationed in this office

Secretary of Environmental Resources Maurice K. Goddard said the new office was established "as a means of providing better management of our environmental resources and to assure an improved and rapid quality of services to the public."

The regional office will follow DER's working hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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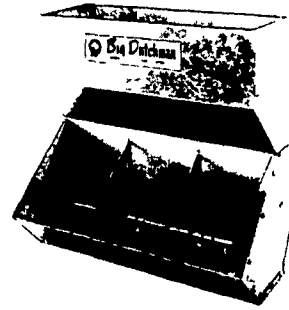
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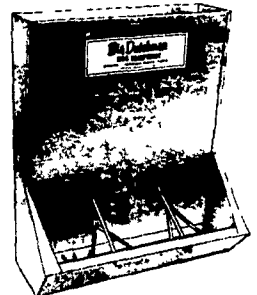


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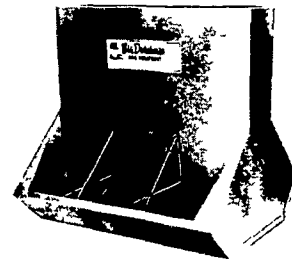
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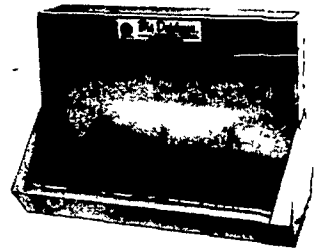
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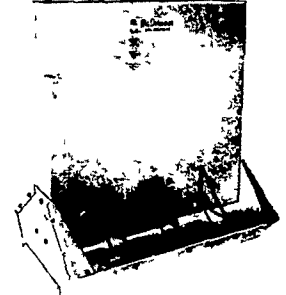
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